

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A steering column apparatus comprising:
a steering column provided with a steering lock
mount portion on its outer circumference and
5 supporting a steering shaft rotatably;
a steering lock having a lock key for latching
said steering shaft and a contact portion that is in
contact with a part of said steering lock mount
portion of said steering column; and
10 a lock bracket having a contact portion that is
in contact with another part of said steering lock
mount portion, said contact portion of said steering
lock and said contact portion of said lock bracket
embracing said steering lock mount portion of said
15 steering column,
wherein the steering lock mount portion of said
steering column abuts at least one of said steering
lock and said lock bracket with an abutting surface
having a non-circular cross section.
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2. A steering column apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said steering lock mount portion
abuts said steering lock with a circular cross
section.
- 25 3. A steering column apparatus according to
claim 1 or 2 wherein said steering lock mount portion

is plastically formed by a bulge process.

4. A steering column apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said steering column includes an
5 plastically formed portion other than said steering lock mount portion, and said plastically formed portion is plastically formed by a bulge process simultaneously with the steering lock mount portion.